

Sept. 29, 2009



SNIPS

EPA Will Reconsider National Smog Standards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the agency would reconsider the 2008 national smog standards to ensure they are scientifically sound and protective of human health. The reconsideration covers both the primary and secondary ozone standards.

The agency will propose any revisions to the ozone standards by December 2009, and will issue a final decision by August 2010. To reduce the workload for states during the interim period of reconsideration, the agency will propose to stay the 2008 standards for the purpose of attainment and nonattainment area designations. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/groundlevelozone>.

Final Mandatory Reporting Rule for Greenhouse Gases Signed by EPA

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson signed the Final Mandatory Reporting Rule for Greenhouse Gases on Sept. 22, 2009. Monitoring will begin in 2010. The EPA is holding a series of webinar trainings for industries required to report under this regulation. The first webinar providing an overview of the rule will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. EDT. A schedule for future training sessions is available on <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/training.html> and is updated regularly. To register online for this webinar or to learn more about the rule, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>.

DAQ Announces Two Public Hearings to Receive Comments

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division for Air Quality (DAQ), will conduct public hearings to receive comments regarding the issuance of the [Atmos Gathering Co. LLC](#) conditional major permit to construct and operate a natural gas production facility and on the proposed administrative regulations that are

DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you. [KY EXCEL](#) is a voluntary environmental leadership program where you can meet and interact with Kentucky's environmental leaders.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



listed below.

- [401 KAR 51:001](#). Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 51. (amendment)
- [401 KAR 51:017](#). Prevention of significant deterioration of air quality. (amendment)
- [401 KAR 51:052](#). Review of new sources in or impacting upon nonattainment areas. (amendment)

For more information about each of these public hearings, go to http://www.air.ky.gov/homepage_repository/Public+Hearings.htm.

Outdoor Air Quality Data Near Schools Is Now Available

The EPA has made the data from assessing outdoor air near schools available. Three Ashland, Ky. schools are included in this list. On March 31, 2009, the EPA released a list of 63 priority schools in 22 states for air quality monitoring as part of an initiative to understand whether outdoor toxic air pollution poses health concerns to schoolchildren. The EPA selected the schools using a number of factors, including results from a computer modeling analysis, results from a recent newspaper series on air toxics at schools and in consultation with state and local air agencies. To view the complete list, see <http://www.epa.gov/schoolair/schools.html>.

Reminder: Governor's Conference on the Environment Is Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Gov. Steve Beshear will be the keynote speaker during the Leadership Award Dinner on Sept. 30, at the Governor's Conference on the Environment. Visit www.dep.ky.gov/govconference for more information.

Brownfields Grant Applications Accepted Through Oct. 16

Applications for brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund and cleanup grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are being accepted now through Oct. 16, 2009. Full guidelines for the grant competition are posted on the EPA Web page at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>.

The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities underrepresented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving "beyond" compliance to environmental leadership.

Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance
300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 800-926-8111
E-mail: envhelp@ky.gov

This message has been sent to past DCA clients and to individuals that have notified the division that they would like to receive information related to environmental compliance or environmental leadership. If you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please reply to this e-mail and we will promptly honor your request.

Compiled by Kenya Stump. For submittals, please send information to enrhelp@ky.gov with the subject line of "SNIPS Submittal Information."